



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the City Attorney's Office**

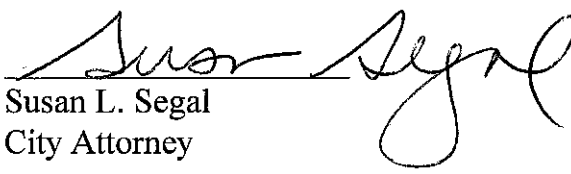
Date: November 6, 2012  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

**Subject:** Michelle Hopfer v. City of Minneapolis  
Court File No.: 27-CV-12-9593

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$17,500.00 payable to Michelle Hopfer and her attorneys, Swor & Gatto, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145835 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

**Previous Directives:** None

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

**Financial Impact:**(Check those that apply)

- ☐ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Budget.
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- ☐ Business Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.\_
- ☒ Other financial impact (Explain): \$17,500.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145835
- ☐ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact:**

Other

**Background/Supporting Information:**

This matter and subsequent claim arise out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on May 7, 2010. At that time and place, Michelle Hopfer was stopped while traveling east on 4<sup>th</sup> Street South at its intersection with Marquette Avenue South, when she was rear-ended by a City of Minneapolis vehicle. Ms. Hopfer's vehicle sustained moderate damage.

As a result of the crash, Ms. Hopfer sustained injuries and incurred treatment expenses. She continues to suffer difficulties as a result of her injuries.

Following a mediation proceeding with her attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Ms. Hopfer's personal injury claim against the City in the amount of \$17,500.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Public Works Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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